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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(Currently amended) A method of making product wraps, comprising the steps of:
causing a continuous strip of wrapping material, havingpresenting at least two
first bands of adhesive bands extending parallel with its longitudinal dimension, to
advance along a predetermined path, the strip also having second adhesive bands
extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip;

cutting the strip transversely along dividing lines to obtain a plurality of leaves each <u>havingpresenting</u> longitudinal edges coinciding with relative dividing lines, the <u>dividing lines also separating the second adhesive bands</u>;

establishing at least one portion between the two <u>first_adhesive</u> bands and coinciding with each transverse dividing line from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges of the leaf,

generating, on each easy tear portion, at least one first notch on each dividing line, extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip and intersecting the dividing line,

generating a second notch, establishing at least one indentation, intersecting transversely each first notch; the second notch coinciding with the dividing line to create a projection on an opposite longitudinal edge of each leaf that projects beyond the dividing line, the projection being divided into two transverse portions by the first notch which longitudinally extends along the projection itself, the first notch being limited in length so as not to extend longitudinally beyond the respective second adhesive bands and thereby intrude in a substantially centrally located product

placement zone positioned between the second adhesive bands and the first adhesive bands of each leaf;

associating at least one product with thea respective product placement zone substantially central area of each leaf;

folding each leaf around the at least onea relative product and bringing together the two longitudinal edges to adhere the second adhesive bands and form a tubular sheath—while positioning the second notches of the two longitudinal edges transversely offset from one another so that the first notches of the two longitudinal edges are also transversely offset from one another;

closing the ends of the tubular sheath to adhere the first adhesive bands and obtain a wrap around the product;

the step of generating the first notch and the second notch being implemented before the step of folding each leaf around the relative product.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 1, wherein the first notch and the second notch are generated prior to the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines.
- 5. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 1, wherein the first notch and the second notch are generated simultaneously with the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines.

- 6. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 1, wherein the steps of generating the first notch, generating the second notch and cutting the strip transversely along the dividing lines are implemented in sequence.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 13, wherein the second notch presents an outline substantially of one of a "U" shape, a "Vee" shape, a "W" shape, or an "S" shape..
- 8. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 1, wherein the step of generating a second notch comprises the subsidiary step of piercing the easy tear portion in such a way as to create two indentations in each leaf, each presented by a respective longitudinal edge.
- 9. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 1, wherein the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing line comprises the subsidiary steps of making two distinct cuts along the selfsame line, each extending from the second notch toward a longitudinal edge of the strip.
- 10. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of generating at least one first notch parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip is implemented before the step of cutting the strip transversely along the dividing line.
- 11. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear portion comprises the step of generating at least one segment of broken line appearance positioned to coincide with the transverse dividing line.
- 12. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 111, wherein the broken line segment extends the full length of the transverse cut made across the strip.
- 13. (Cancelled)

- 14. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step of twisting the ends of the tubular sheath to produce a sealed double twist wrap.
- 15. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step, implemented as the strip advances along the predetermined direction and before the step of generating the notches, of applying the first and second adhesive bands to the selfsame strip.

16-24. (Cancelled)